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The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 17 (continued)

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

(i) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (A/47/905)

The PRESIDENT: In his note (A/47/905) of 10 March 1993, the Secretary-General proposes that the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Dadzie as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be extended for a further period of one year through 31 March 1994.

May I take it that the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, wishes to confirm the extension of Mr. Kenneth Dadzie as Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for a further period of one year through 31 March 1994?

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded our consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17.

AGENDA ITEMS 119 AND 122 (continued) and 153

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER GROUP IN CENTRAL AMERICA; FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN EL SALVADOR: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (Part II) (A/47/797/Add.1)

FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE: REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE (A/47/906)

The PRESIDENT: I request the Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee to introduce the reports of the Fifth Committee in one intervention.

Mr. OSELLA (Argentina), Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee (interpretation from Spanish): It is my honour to present today to the General Assembly the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 119 and 122, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America" and "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador", respectively.

The report of the Fifth Committee is contained in document A/47/797/Add.1. As paragraph 2 of the report indicates, the Committee considered these items at its 55th and 56th meetings. At the latter, the representative of Spain introduced, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, the draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/47/L.33, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador". The draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote.

As paragraph 6 of the report indicates, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution.

With regard to item 153, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique", the report of the Fifth Committee is contained in document A/47/906. As paragraph 2 of the report states, the Committee considered this item at its 54th and 55th meetings. At the latter, the representative of Portugal introduced, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee, a draft resolution contained in document A/C.5/47/L.32, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique". The draft resolution was adopted by the Fifth Committee without a vote.

As paragraph 6 of the report indicates, the Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we shall proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee.

The Assembly will now consider Part II of the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 119, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America", and agenda item 122, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador" (A/47/797/Add.1).

(The President)

The report relates to agenda item 119, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America" inasmuch as, subsequently to Security Council resolution 730 (1992) of 16 January 1992 by which the Council terminated the mandate of the Group, the General Assembly, by its resolution 46/240 of 22 May 1992, decided that the special accounts for the United Nations Observer Group in Central America and the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador should be merged.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/47/797/Add.1).

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 47/223).

The PRESIDENT: As I mentioned earlier, the United Nations Observer Group in Central America has been terminated by Security Council resolution 730 (1992) of 16 January 1992.

May I therefore take it that the Assembly wishes to delete agenda item 134, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America", from the preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the forty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly contained in document A/48/50?

If there is no objection, it will be so decided.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT: We have thus concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 122.

The General Assembly will now consider the report of the Fifth Committee on agenda item 153, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique" (A/47/906).

(The President)

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/47/906).

The Fifth Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 47/224 A and B).

Mr. AFONSO (Mozambique): It was precisely 90 days ago that, on 16 December 1992, the Security Council, through its resolution 797 (1992), decided to establish the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ), in order to assist the parties in the attainment of the overall objectives of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique, so as to ensure a lasting peace, democracy and tranquillity in our country.

(Mr. Afonso, Mozambique)

Today my delegation is pleased warmly to welcome the adoption by the General Assembly of a consensus resolution (A/47/906) on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique.

The resolution just adopted represents an important and timely contribution to the implementation of the General Peace Agreement for Mozambique. We are happy that the resolution, inter alia, endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report (A/47/896) of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, provides for the appropriation of a lump sum amount of $140 million for the period from 15 October 1992 to 30 June 1993, and requests the Secretary-General to submit not later than 1 July 1993 revised and detailed cost estimates for the entire mandate of the Operation.

My delegation sincerely hopes that, with the appropriation of these urgently required funds, conditions have now been created for a full deployment of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in Mozambique without any further delay and in an expeditious manner, thus enabling the parties to implement the advanced stages of the General Peace Agreement, including the separation of forces, their demobilization and the collection, storage and destruction of weapons, as well as the reintegration of the military in society.

I should like to take this opportunity to reiterate the high importance we also attach to the need for permanent attention to the non-military components of the Operation, particularly the provision of humanitarian assistance to the victims of war and natural calamities and preparation for the electoral process. The success of these key components is crucial for the overall implementation of the General Peace Agreement.

(Mr. Afonso, Mozambique)

My delegation wishes to endorse the call contained in the resolution for a continuous improvement in the coordination and planning of United Nations peace-keeping operations and for their timely and proper launching. Bearing in mind the current situation of great demand for peace-keeping operations, we believe the relevant institutions in the Secretariat should be further strengthened and enhanced, with adequate human and material resources, in order to enable them to meet their growing responsibilities.

Likewise, we consider it of paramount importance for the Secretariat to enlarge and enhance its consultations with the host Governments at each and every step of the deployment of peace-keeping operations.

In conclusion, I wish to express once again my Government's high regard for the Secretary-General's leadership and commitment to the cause of peace in my country. I would equally like to place on record our profound gratitude to the international community at large and to Member States in particular for their generous support for the peace efforts in my country.

We would like to emphasize the important role played by Mrs. Regina Emerson of Portugal in making possible the resolution's adoption by consensus.

The PRESIDENT: We have concluded this stage of our consideration of agenda item 153.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF WORK

The PRESIDENT: Before adjourning the meeting I should like to inform members that the First Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 63, "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session", last Friday, 12 March, and that the General Assembly will consider the report of the First Committee on agenda item 63 at a later date to be announced.

I should further like to inform representatives that the Fifth Committee is scheduled to meet again from 25 March to 2 April to continue its consideration of several items allocated to it that have remained pending.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.